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SUBJECT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS: BUNDESPOST PENALTY CHARGE
FOR UNUSED SATELLITE LINK

FOR MONROE AND USIS

1. AMERICAN FORCES RADIO AND TELEVISION SERVICE (KNOWN
AS AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK IN EUROPE), DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE, HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT OF STATE/EMBASSY
INTERVENTION IN FOLLOWING MATTER.

2. IN PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE SEVENTH GAME OF WORLD SERIES,
DOD REQUESTED BUNDESPOST TO SET UP SATELLITE LINK ON
CONTINGENCY BASIS. BUNDESPOST REPLIED THAT IT WOULD ASSESS
DOLS 5,000 TO DOLS 7,000 PENALTY IF LINK NOT USED, REPRESENTING
AMOUNT SPENT SETTINGUP SYSTEM WHETHER OR NOT USED. (FYI, DOD STATES
THAT IN FACT NO COST INVOLVED, END FYI.) ON OTHER HAND, BUNDESPOST
ADVISED THAT IF
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LINK NOT ARRANGED FOR AHEAD OF TIME, AVAILABILITY COULD

NOT BE GUARANTEED.

3. DOD CONCERNED OVER PENALTY CHARGE FOR REASONS OF PRINCIPLE. DOD STATES BUNDESPOST PENALTY IS ONLY SUCH PROVISION IT HAS ENCOUNTERED WORLDWIDE AND ASKS WHETHER EMBASSY COULD RAISE MATTER WITH FRG GOVERNMENT AND SEEK WAIVING OF FEE THIS OFFICIAL USG REQUEST.

4. UNDERSTAND CAPT RUSS HARNEY, EUCOM, HAS TELEPHONED USIS BONN ON ABOVE MATTER.

5. PLEASE ADVISE. INGERSOLL

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